

HOLDUP-MEN SHOOT SLEUTH

Blackjack Old Bank Messenger, but Police Trap Saves \$3,212.

ONE CROOK CAPTURED

His Pal Blazes Way to Freedom Through Squad of Detectives.

DOUGHERTY HAD A TIP

Planted Police About Thirty-sixth Street Factory, but Plans Go Amiss.

Two holdup men made an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to rob an old bank messenger at the plant of Schwarzkopf & Ruckert, cigar box manufacturers in East Thirty-sixth street near the East River.

Police Commissioner Dougherty got a tip that the attempt would be made but the police plans to make a roundup of the robbers before any damage was done miscarried. Before detectives planted about the place, succeeded in backing one prisoner, the messenger had been hit over the head with a blackjack and Detective James Watson shot in the left groin in a running pistol battle with the other man, who blazed his way to liberty.

Watson is now at Bellevue Hospital, where it was said last night, he will get well unless complications set in.

The prisoner who was caught in the height of the excitement described himself as Frank Moran, 19 years old, a brother of 290 East 103d street.

The robbers for a brief moment had the bank messenger's bag containing \$3,212 in his possession, but surprised him so unexpectedly that his desire to get away was so great they dropped the bag and took to their heels.

The bank messenger, who was not aware that the police had figured to protect him in his usual Saturday morning visit to the factory, was Peter E. Plunkett, for many years an employee of the Union Exchange National Bank, Twenty-first street and Fifth Avenue.

He lives at 213 East Twenty-first street and has always enjoyed the confidence of the bank officials. He carried in his bag \$1,712 for Schwarzkopf & Ruckert and \$1,500 for delivery to the firm of E. H. Risor & Co., First Avenue and Twenty-eighth street. Plunkett is getting along toward 60.

Commissioner Dougherty wouldn't tell just how he found out that certain suspected holdup men had devised plans to follow the bank messenger and get his money, but he admits that the two men figuring in yesterday's daring holdup had been under surveillance for six days. The Commissioner cooked up a warm reception for them and had a number of detectives in readiness in the neighborhood of the cigar box factory when the pair arrived.

Moran and his companion came down from Harlem under the watchful eyes of two sleuths, who had trailed them, one was Detective Watson, who was shot.

Before the pair turned into East Thirty-sixth street and sized up the lay of the land while waiting for the bank messenger to put in an appearance six or seven detectives, including men borrowed from the Greenwich street station, had secreted themselves behind lumber piles and in convenient hallways.

Detective Peter J. Slevin, disguised in workman's togs, with a handkerchief around his neck, had taken up a position on the second landing in the factory, where he could hear if anything happened in the hall below, where the bank messenger was sure to enter. The holdup men walked through the street door leading to the office and Watson lingered outside in a convenient spot from which he could rush inside at the first indication that something was doing. They had not been inside long before the old bank messenger, with his bag under his arm, entered the dark hallway.

As Plunkett started along the narrow passageway the men grabbed him and one hit him over the head with the butt end of a blackjack. The old man had long dreamed of such an emergency and reached for his own blackjack, a home-made contrivance. He did his best to pass it where it would do the most good but the men closed in on him, grabbed his arms and tore his bag from his grasp.

He managed, however, to get in one or two blows with his bludgeon before the robber with the professional blackjack took most of the fight out of him. Although Plunkett was dazed by a crack on his head he was not seriously hurt. Detective Slevin heard the scuffling in the lower hall and hiked downstairs on a running jump. So did employees of the plant, alarmed by the old man's cries.

The factory hands saw the excited Slevin in his workman's togs, going for all he was worth, and concluded that he was the man whom they wanted. A clerk caught hold of the fleeing sleuth and impeded his flying passage just long enough to prevent him from reaching the holdup men as they rushed into the street.

Detective Watson, from his position outside, saw the sudden exit and called upon the men to stop. One of the pair pulled out his gun in a twinkling and shot Plunkett in the back.

The bullet struck Watson in the left groin and he dropped to his knees. The detective returned the fire and when the robber blazed back as he ran toward First Avenue. The shots and shouts quickly brought the other detectives from their hiding places.

Watson's assailant is said to have fired four shots before he reached the Avenue. He ran close to a fence at St. George's Park and worked his way around to Thirty-sixth street, where he dropped into the hallway of a tenement. He ran into the back yard, jumped over a fence and escaped.

In the meantime Detective William

Raffia got his eyes on a young man who was hiking due west along Thirty-sixth street from the scene of the holdup and nabbed him. The prisoner, Moran, made a savage show of resistance, but he quickly surrendered to the persuasive powers of the detective's billy.

The reserves from the East Thirty-sixth street station took part in the search for the man who had been swallowed up by the tenement backyards, but nothing was found belonging to the fugitive excepting a raincoat which he had discarded. There was a three cornered hole in the garment which the police are satisfied was made by a bullet.

The wounded detective was carried into the clear box plant and sent to Bellevue. Messenger Plunkett said he knew he wasn't hurt bad enough to lay up and continued on his job of delivering the money for the Saturday payrolls.

Some of the detectives thought that a third man was seen making his getaway after the holdup failed.

The police say they are confident that they will be able to catch the man who shot Watson before long.

WIFE SUES McKEE FOR \$42,398.

Stock Exchange Member Admits He and Spouse Have Separated.

A summons and complaint was served yesterday upon Thomas M. McKee, a cotton broker and member of the New York Stock Exchange, at the New York Club, where he has been living recently, in a suit brought by his wife, Nellie F. Wood McKee, to recover \$42,398. The service came as a sequel to reports that Mr. and Mrs. McKee, who were members of the colony at Priddy's Crossing, Mass., had advertised their cottage for sale and had separated.

Phoenix Inghram, counsel for Mrs. McKee, said yesterday that no matrimonial action is pending between the McKees. In her complaint Mrs. McKee says her husband owes her \$10,000 on a promissory note made November 1, 1911, for \$2,000 for money borrowed on November 16, 1910, and \$200 as the proceeds of the sale of his hold furniture.

Mrs. McKee is living at 22 West Forty-fifth street. Their son, H. Sellers McKee, is a student at Harvard.

Mr. McKee, who is a descendant of the founder of the tube works at McKeesport, Pa., admitted yesterday at the New York Club that he and his wife have separated. They came here from Pittsburgh a year ago.

JIM RICE'S 4 SONS CAPTURED IN RAID

Famous Counterfeiter's Boys Caught With Complete Coin Outfit in Chicago.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Chief Flynn of the United States secret service stands ready to be converted to the arguments of Dr. Woods Hutchinson and other experts that vice is inherited. He has one case at least which tends to substantiate that theory. This is the case of the Rice family of Chicago and St. Louis, four young members of which were arrested in Chicago last night on charges of counterfeiting. Their apparatus and a considerable amount of coin was taken by the secret service men.

This capture is regarded by Chief Flynn as one of the best and most important that has been made in some time. It was thought that when Jim Rice, the father of the boys and the most successful and expert counterfeiter known, was sent to Atlanta last spring for ten years no further trouble would come from his family, but recently coins of the Rice characteristic began to turn up in points throughout the central West. Several detectives were detailed to the case and practically the entire country was searched before the boys were caught near their old home in Chicago. The names of the youngsters are James, Melvin, Fred and George, the oldest being yet below his majority and the youngest scarcely more than 10 years old.

Jim Rice has given the secret service authorities considerable trouble for the last fifteen years. During the Spanish American War it was discovered that thousands of dollars had been exchanged in various places throughout the country for what was often accepted by banks as genuine dollars and half dollars. In 1900 Jim Rice was captured in Chicago with dies and a lot

of these coins. He served two years in Joliet prison.

He had been out less than a year when the coins began to turn up again, and in 1904 during the exposition at St. Louis he and his oldest son were caught in St. Louis. The father was sentenced to eight years in the Jefferson City prison and the son to three years in the State reformatory at Joliet.

After the father had finished his time last spring it developed that the same "mintage" of coins had been in circulation for some months. This indicated that the son had begun activity preliminary to his father's release. The father was caught in Chicago in March and sentenced to ten years at Atlanta. The search for the son has continued ever since, with the successful outcome in Chicago last night.

Reception for President Rea.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—President Rea of the Pennsylvania Railroad was guest of honor at a reception in the Rittenhouse Club to-day. Among those present were E. H. Lovett of the Hariman lines, President Ralph Walcott of the Long Island Railroad, Henry Walters, Commissioner W. R. Wilcox, D. D. Caldwell, W. N. Barrett and W. P. Hamilton.

WOMAN GIVES LIE TO FISHER.

Mrs. Gray, "Stormy Petrel," Stirrs Up Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Helen Pierce Gray, the "Stormy Petrel" of the Crow Indian Reservation, as she is known to many officers in Washington, created a sensation before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to-day.

At the suggestion of Senator Clapp, chairman of the Indian committee, Mrs. Gray appeared to-day. Secretary Fisher of the Indian department and Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, in whose State the reservation is located, were present. The object was to try to agree on a method for settling the difficulties.

"Secretary Fisher, you know that is not true," she declared excitedly at one stage, "and you know you will be connected with one of the biggest land steals in the history of the country if this thing goes on."

Mrs. Gray charged that an Indian who had joined her in her flight on land speculators had been murdered in a hotel at Billings, Mont. This aroused Senator Dixon, who asked Mrs. Gray

to tell the committee who murdered the Indian.

The witness thereupon turned on Senator Dixon and accused him of telling untruths. She later explained that the Indian had died under mysterious circumstances and that there was evidence of foul play.

PUJO PHYSICIAN AT MIAMI.

To Examine Rockefeller's Throat and Report to Committee.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 11.—Dr. Charles W. Richardson, specialist assigned by the Jule money trust investigating committee, Dr. Walter F. Chappell, personal physician to William Rockefeller, and Percy A. Rockefeller, his son, form a party at the Royal Palm Hotel to-night.

Dr. Richardson said he had been sent here to examine Mr. Rockefeller's throat and see if his condition is such as to prevent his appearing as a witness before the committee. Dr. Chappell said he would be present at the examination, while Percy Rockefeller declared he had come merely to meet his father.

"We do not know what father's intentions are," he added.

Mr. Rockefeller was due this afternoon, but he was delayed in arriving by the steamer Miami running aground.

CASTRO'S WRIT DISMISSED.

Judge Holt Disposes of Question of Admitting Him to Bail.

The board of special inquiry will resume on Monday morning its consideration of the writ of Habeas Corpus obtained by George Gordon Battle for Gen. Castro.

This was the significance of the action taken by Judge Holt in the United States District Court yesterday in dismissing the writ of Habeas Corpus obtained by George Gordon Battle for Gen. Castro.

The court's action was somewhat of a surprise, since it automatically disposed of the question of admitting Castro to bail during the progress of the inquiry. Judge Holt Friday morning signified his intention of holding the matter of the writ in abeyance until he decided whether it was within his jurisdiction to fix bail in the Venezuelan case.

United States Attorney was held that to release an immigrant on bonds would be to defeat the purpose for which Ellis Island was established. The detention, he said, is a necessary precaution until the authorities determine whether or not the immigrant is a public menace.

Officials of the Department of Immigration contend that the courts have no jurisdiction in the matter and that the immigration laws leave the question of bail to the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The law, however, distinguishes between immigrants afflicted with tuberculosis or a more loathsome disease.

STERN BROTHERS

To-morrow, Annual Sale of Women's
FRENCH LINGERIE

of the choicest materials, hand embroidered and trimmed with selected laces, in a larger variety of styles than shown heretofore, which will be offered

At One-Half Their Actual Values

Chemises,	at 65c, 85c, 1.25 to 4.10
Drawers,	" 98c, 1.45, 1.75 " 3.95
Gowns,	" \$1.45, 1.95, 2.65 " 6.85
Combinations,	" 1.95, 2.35, 2.75 " 7.50
Corset Covers,	" 95c, 1.45, 1.85 " 3.65
Petticoats,	" 2.35, 2.75, 3.25 " 7.95
Princess Slips,	" 2.95, 3.45, 4.75 " 8.95

Also Continuation of January Sale of
Women's Domestic Underwear

At a Saving of 33 1/3% from Regular Prices

Monday, an Extraordinary Offering of
CORSETS

new models, for slender, medium and well developed figures

White Coutil Corsets, trimmed with lace and ribbon, at \$1.10, 1.65
Values \$2.00 and 2.50 Pair

The New Alpha Corsets, of plain and fancy batiste, broche and fine coutil, Walohn boned, \$2.25, 3.75, 4.85
Values \$3.50, 5.00 and 6.50

Brassieres, of Cambric, trimmed with lace and ribbon, 39c, 45c, 65c, 95c

Also To-morrow, Monday, a Large Purchase of
Women's and Misses' Waists

For Early Spring Wear, at Unusually Low Prices

Waists of Batiste, Voile and Crepe, elaborately trimmed, at \$1.45, 1.95
Actual Values \$2.00 and 3.00

Extremely Smart and Exclusive Waists, of Crepe, embroidered front and sleeves, at 5.00
Actual Value \$7.50

And in addition, a Clearance Sale of this season's
Messaline and Chiffon Waists, in black and colors, incomplete sizes, \$2.95, 3.85

Being One-Third to One-Half their Regular Prices
Second Floor Main Building

To-morrow, a Very Special Sale of

Children's and Misses'

Underwear, Dresses and Guimpes in distinctive styles, of the finest Nainsook, Cambric and Lawn, trimmed with laces and embroideries.

	Misses'	Children's
Drawers,	42c, 59c, 75c	26c, 38c, 48c
Gowns,	69c, 85c, 98c	59c, 75c, 85c
Skirts,	89c, 1.25, 1.50	35c, 50c, 73c

Misses' Corset Covers, at 42c, 60c, 85c
Misses' Combinations, " 89c, 1.25, 1.45
Misses' Princess Slips, " 95c, 1.30, 1.55

Being 35 Per Cent. Below Their Regular Values

Also Misses' and Children's French Handmade Underwear and Guimpes, incomplete sizes, at Decided Reductions

Children's Guimpes, sizes 2 to 14 years, at 69c, 85c, 1.25, 1.65

Children's Short Dresses, at 35c, 48c, 69c, 85c, 98c, 1.20, 1.50

Being 50 Per Cent. Below Their Regular Values

with the remainder of this season's
Children's Hats, Bonnets, Coats and Sweater Sets
At Corresponding Reductions.

West Twenty-third and Twenty-second Streets

STERN BROTHERS

Colored and Black Dress Silks

Exclusive high class Imported Novelty Silks are now being shown, comprising Printed and Broche Crepes, Brocade Moires, Gaze Faconnee Imprimee, Printed Satin Striped Chiffons, Crepe de Chine Faconnee and Brocade Satin Charmeuse, also for

To-morrow, Monday, an Important Sale of
15000 Yards Dress Silks

Satin Charmeuse (All Silk), 40 inches wide, in a full range of street and evening shades, also white, ivory and black, at \$1.78
Regular Price \$2.50 Yard

Brocade Charmeuse and Imported Crepes, 40 inches wide, in this season's colorings, at 1.58
Value \$2.25 Yard

Imported Black Charmeuse, 42 inches wide, Value \$3.25 Yard, at 2.25

Black Dress Satin, 36 and 40 ins. wide, Value \$2.00 Yard, at 1.35

Later Importations of Novelties in

Cotton and Linen Dress Fabrics

are being exhibited, in exclusive weaves and designs

Also for To-morrow, Exceptional Values in

Embroidered Voiles and Silk and Cotton Tissues, in a large range of yarn dyed fancy colorings, 29c Yd.

Irish Ramie Linen, 36 inches wide, superior quality, pure yarn dyed flax in a complete line of this season's most popular shades, also black and white, 32c Yd.

Greatly Below Regular Prices

Continuation of their January Sale of

Household Linens

comprising Special Importations from the leading Irish, Scotch, French, Belgian and German manufacturers

Considerably Less Than Prevailing Prices

Satin Damask Table Cloths, in handsome square and circular designs, \$1.50, 2.45, 2.95, 3.75, 4.50

Napkins to match, Doz. 2.75, 3.95

Dinner Size Napkins, extra large, Regular Price \$8.75 Dozen, at 4.95

Satin Damask Table Linen, Regular Price \$1.25 Yard, at 88c

Linen Sheets, Single Bed Size, hemstitched, Pr. \$3.25, 3.75, 4.95
Double Bed Size, " 4.25, 4.75, 6.25

Linen Pillow Cases, Hemstitched, Pr. 88c, 1.00, 1.25
Scalloped, " 1.00, 1.75, 2.00
Embroidered, " 1.45, 1.95, 2.95

Bed Spreads Crochet, at 95c, 1.25, 1.75
Satin Finish, " 1.95, 2.38, 2.95
Embroidered, " 3.95, 4.25, 5.25

Huck Towels, Hemmed, Doz. 1.50, 2.00, 2.75
Hemstitched, " 2.90, 3.90, 5.38

Turkish Bath Towels, " 1.90, 2.90, 4.00

West 23d and 22d Streets

in order to dispose of their entire stock of
FURS

prior to removal to their New Building on Forty-second Street, West of Fifth Avenue have made such Decided Reductions in Prices as to insure an Absolute Clearance.

Included in the Collection are Fur and Fur-lined Coats and Fur Motor Coats for Women, Men and Children, also Fur Neckpieces and Muffs in all the season's most favored pelts, ranging from popular to the costliest furs

Also the remainder of Motor and Baby Carriage Fur Robes, Foot Muffs, Caps and Fur Floor Coverings.

At Less Than Half Original Prices

To-morrow, Initial Display of Early Spring Styles
Women's Tailored Suits, Coats and Wraps, Afternoon and Reception Dresses

introducing the newest fabrics, including Silk and Wool Crepes, Matelasse, Silk and Wool Brocades, Broche Poplins, Faille Silks, Bengalines, Woolen Fabrics and many other Novelties.

Also a comprehensive assortment of **Lingerie Gowns for Southern Wear,** of Batiste, Voile, Crepe and Real Laces, ranging in price from the most moderate to the highest cost.

STERN BROTHERS

Upholstery Departments

Commencing Monday, January 13th, the following Important Pre-Inventory Clearing Sales will be held:

Lace Curtains and Bed Sets

Marie Antoinette and Lacet Arabe Curtains, in quantities not exceeding ten pairs of a design, Values from \$5.75 to 16.50, at \$3.50, 5.50, 8.50
French Hand-made Renaissance Bed Sets, Values from \$25.00 to 45.00, \$9.75, 12.50, 19.50

Also a number of Lace Curtains and Bed Sets in one and two pair lots at Less Than Half Price.

Portieres and Couch Covers

Figured and Plain Velour Portieres, with open edges, Value \$25.00 Pair, at \$12.75

Also a number of One and Two Pair Lots at Half Price.

Moquette Couch Covers, Reproductions of Oriental Rugs, Value \$12.50, at \$6.75

Drapery Fabrics and Furniture Coverings

Armures, Damasks and Tapestries, Values from \$2.50 to 4.75 Yard, \$1.25, 1.90, 2.50

Cushion Squares and Short Lengths at 1 1/2 to 3 Yards of similar materials at Less Than Half Price.

For Monday and Tuesday, an Extraordinary Sale of

High Grade Wilton Rugs

comprising discontinued designs in such weaves as French, Whittall, Herati and Kashan, in the following sizes:

At One-Third Less Than Regular Prices

27 by 54 inches	Regular Price \$6.25,	at \$3.85
36 by 63 "	" " 9.50,	" 6.00
4 ft. 6 by 7 ft. 6,	" " 20.50,	" 12.85
6 by 9 ft.	" " 36.75,	" 23.50
8 ft. 3 by 10 ft. 6,	" " 54.00,	" 35.00
9 by 12 ft.	" " 60.00,	" 38.50
10 ft. 6 by 12 ft.	" " 81.75,	" 52.00
11 ft. 3 by 15 ft.	" " 102.00,	" 65.00

Also a large assortment of Royal Wilton Rugs At Corresponding Reductions.